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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yoshihito IKEDA et al.
Serial No. : Not yet known (U.S. National Stage of
PCT/JP00/04138 filed June 23, 2000)
Filed : Concurrently herewith
For : DRUG COMPOSITION CONTAINING
LECITHIN-MODIFIED SUPER OXIDE
DISMUTASE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-18 as follows, the amendments being shown by brackets
and underscoring in the Appendix hereto:

A 1 / 1. (Amended) A drug composition comprising a drug carrier and a lecithin-
2 modified superoxide dismutase represented by the following general formula (I) and
3 having following characteristics (a) to (d):

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SOD' (Q - B)_m

(I)